



# News Release

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## MARCH 2008 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2008 totaled 10.0 million head, up 6 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 1 percent from the December 1, 2007 inventory of 10.1 million head. Market hogs, at 8.98 million head, are up 7 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 1.02 million head, down 1 percent from last year and from December 1, 2007. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the December – February 2008 period totaled 5.03 million head, up 2 percent from the same quarter last year. These pigs were produced by 550,000 sows, up 2 percent from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.15, up slightly from the number of pigs saved on average last year.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 560,000 sows during the March – May 2008 quarter and 560,000 sows during the June – August 2008 quarter.

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2007-February 2008 pig crop**, at 28.1 million head, was up 6 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, up 5 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from 2006.

## NORTH CAROLINA HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)

